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Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Charlotte, North Carolina January 7, 2008

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2007, in the above-referenced application kindly enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Also enclosed is a 3-month Extension of Time with credit card form.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 6 of this paper.